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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In rewriting DCI 1/1 this morning, the "Standing Committee" made numerous changes which will show up in the final proposal we are preparing for circulation to the IAC.

We had ascertained from General Todd recently that he did not wish to appoint a member to the Standing Committee. You will recall that he said at the meeting which he attended a couple of months ago that he was glad to sit in on the IAC but had no desire to participate on the working level. This he confirmed the other day.

Nevertheless, this Standing Committee will not accept our verbal assurance that this is the case, so the paper as drafted states that the Standing Committee is composed of designated representatives of the IAC members and of the DCI. I think that Booth of State wishes to have General Todd appoint a member to the Standing Committee.

General Todd, of course, may appoint anyone he wishes or he may nonconcur in the paper to the extent of recommending that the Standing Committee be composed of designated representatives of the IAC members other than the JIG.

When the Proposed DCI 1/1 goes to the IAC agencies in a day or two, we can have [] explain this point - but, of course, it postpones still further the meeting of the IAC as the amendment will have to be circulated for unanimous concurrence before a formal IAC meeting can be held.

There was also a great deal of discussion about the duties of ICAPS, i.e., interdepartmental coordinators versus secretariat and many of the members present seemed to think there was really no need of a Standing Committee and that ICAPS should perform all of its functions - even though the intelligence chiefs (all but Chamberlin) had discussed ~~more than a year ago~~ last year their wishes for a Standing Committee and in their replies to your memorandum of 26 January concurred in it.

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